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1. [REDACTED] Greek propaganda concerning International Brigades has for its basis the actual existence of international labor groups, consisting of 20,000 workers employed by the Yugoslav government. These groups are called "brigades" and about 2,000 men, the majority of whom are Spanish, were recruited in the Southwestern part of France.
2. Although these labor brigades are not armed at present, plans were made at a Communist conference held at Blato (in the island of Korcula, not far from Dubrovnik) at the beginning of May to use International Brigades to fight for "democracy". Representatives of the political bureaus of the French, Italian, Spanish, Yugoslav and Greek Communist Parties attended the meeting.
3. The conference delegates reportedly decided that the critical situation in Greece warranted the sending of Brigades into that country. They agreed to support Yugoslav General Primoretz for the post of commander-in-chief of the Brigades which will operate in Greece, rather than the Spanish Colonel Antonio Gorden.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] comment: Primoretz is probably Lt. Gen. Rudolph Primorac, the head of the Yugoslav Repatriation Committee Commission at Zwickau, Land Saxony, who was recruiting members for the Brigades in Italy, Austria and Germany).

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4. [REDACTED] Yugoslav General Milovan Djilas, Tito's friend since 1942, is recruiting men in Skoplje for future intervention in Greece.
5. Foreign volunteers assigned to the Greek theater of operations are reportedly sent from Italy to Valona, on the Albanian coast. Units which do not have officers are sent to Stobrec, near Split, where they are staffed.

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